



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OPEN SESSION held on
Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7:00PM in the H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room,
Town Hall, 242 Union Street Rockland, Massachusetts 02370.**

Present: Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Valanzola, Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Zupkofska

Mrs. Parsons led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special meeting to review budgets, no other business will be conducted.

I. Town Clerk

Motion: Mr. Simpson to take \$3,500 out of Passport Account

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

Q. Police Department

Chief Llewellyn gave a summary of Police budget.

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to move \$15,000.00 Crossing Guard Line Item to
the School Department**

Second: Mr. Valanzola

Chief Llewellyn and Superintendent Retchless indicated their concerns and opposition on this move.

Vote: 3-1-1 (Mr. Simpson abstained, Mr. Chaffee opposed)

Chief Llewellyn is concerned that under the objection of both himself and the School Superintendent the BOS is still putting this in the school's budget. Mrs. Parsons believes the BOS cannot direct a line item to change budgets.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to rescind vote to move Crossing Guards to school budget

Second: Mr. Valanzola

Vote: 3-1-1 (Mr. Zupkofska opposed, Mr. Simpson abstained)

Mr. Hart announced he made an error in Fire Department budget by \$306,679.13. This will change everything to 2.9%. It will be 2.9% across the board instead of the 1.7%.

Long discussion ensued by BOS whether to decrease all budgets done last week by 1.2% to bring them to level funding. Chief Sammon was asked to come up and present his budget.

R. Fire Department

Long discussion on Evergreen Clause and fact that BOS is required to fully fund the FD.

Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to fund FD budget @ \$2,973,593.00

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

BOS deciding how to proceed whether 4.2% will be the correct figure. Heath Insurance will have to be cut. Mr. Hart recommended using the 2.9% figure. Everyone already voted on would have to have their budget reduced by 1.2%.

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to change PD budget to \$2,850,243.20
representing a 2.9% cut**

Second: Mr. Zupkofska

Vote: 3-1-1 (Mr. Simpson abstained, Mr. Chaffee opposed)

Mr. Chaffee is opposed to the way this is being handled. He would like it to go to the Finance Committee and get the State numbers in first.

X. Emergency Management

Mr. Bowles presented his budget.

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to recommend \$22,660 for Emergency Management

Second: Mr. Zupkofska

Vote: 5-0

Z. Waste Collection/Disposal

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve Waste Collection/Disposal @ \$1,188,054.98
money collected through trash fees**

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve recycling revolving \$20,839.54

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to take \$3,542.55 from recycling/revolving account
and \$17,296.99 from Revolving account for the trash**

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

CC. Visiting Nurse

Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve \$8,000.00 for the Visiting Nurse

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

BB. Board of Health

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve BOH @ \$102,708.29

Second: Mr. Valanzola

Vote: 5-0

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to take \$10,456.59 from recycling revolving account
to help pay salaries of Health Agent, Adm. Asst. & clerical**

Second: Mr. Zupkofska

Vote: 5-0

AA. Sewer Department

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve \$1,960,033.00 to be taken from
segregated sewer receipts**

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

CC. Traffic Control

Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve \$20,000.00 for Traffic Control

Second: Mr. Valanzola

Vote: 5-0

EE. Highway Department

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve \$509,708.00 for Highway

Second: Mr. Zupkofska

Vote: 4-0 (Mr. Simpson opposed)

FF. Snow and Ice

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve \$150,000.00 for snow & ice

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

GG. Street Lighting

Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve \$62,500 for Street Lighting

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

H. School Department

Superintendent Retchless gave an overview of the School Budget

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve School Department budget @ \$18,000,000

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 3-2 (Mr. Zupkofska and Mrs. Parsons opposed)

JJ. South Shore Regional

Motion: Mr. Zupkofska for \$1,466,471 for South Shore Regional

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

QQ. Retirement Contribution

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve for \$2,222,121.00

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 5-0

RR. Health Insurance

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve \$5,045,645 for Health Insurance

Second: Mr. Simpson

Vote: 4-0 (Selectmen opposed not identified)

SS. FICA

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to cut FICA to \$270,000.00

Second: Mr. Valanzola

Vote: 5-0

TT. Liability Insurance

Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve \$588,364.00

Second: Mr. Valanzola

Vote: 5-0

UU. Water Department

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to table and invite them next week

Second: Mr. Zupkofska

Vote: 5-0

Mr. Valanzola thanked Mr. Murphy for covering this live.

VV. Debt Service

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve Debt Service @ \$313,500.00
Second: Mr. Simpson
Vote: 5-0

Mr. Valanzola wants BOS to write letter to Mr. Corvi regarding clearing snow in the center of Town.

Motion: Mr. Valanzola to send letter to Mr. Corvi re: clearing snow @ center
Second: Mr. Zupkofska
Vote: 5-0

Mrs. Parsons addressed Attorney Clifford's contract for Interim TA.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to adopt TA Contract for Attorney Clifford with
Amendment for contact through Chairman & Vice Chairman
and also with Michelle McNulty's amendments.**
Second: Mr. Simpson
Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Zupkofska abstained

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to adjourn at 10:30PM
Second: Mr. Zupkofska
**Vote: 5-0 Mr. Chaffee-yes, Mr. Valanzola-yes, Mr. Simpson-yes and Mrs. Parsons-yes
and Mr. Zupkofska-yes**

Mr. James F. Simpson

Mr. Lawrence J. Chaffee